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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-13(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class		Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	154,021	(2)	151,477
Light hens	1,850		1,863
Heavy hens	1,475		1,535

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2013 (THOUSAND HEAD)

LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

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Sltr Comparisons
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Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	373	0	373
Same week yr ago	311	0	311
To-date/2013*	4,032	0	4,032
To-date/2012*	3,511	36	3,547

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens		
Head	2,284	1,317	3,601		
Head sltr Comparisons	5				
Last Week	1,811	1,333	3,144		
Same week yr ago	2,120	1,383	3,503		
To-date/2013*	22,607	16,743	39 , 350		
To-date/2012*	22,297	17,968	40,265		

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Thousands-			
Head	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
Head sltr comparis	sons				
Last week	154,139	1,678	1,317	2 , 995	422
Same wk yr ago	149 , 755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Avg Wt	5.80	3.44	7.76	5.38	6.92
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17 , 758	37,804	5,106
To-date/2012*	1,945,601	20,462	19,304	39,766	5,502

⁽A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.5 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-2013

	A 4.25 lbs	В 4.26 -	C 6.26 -	D 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	45,523	47,951	31,833	24,400	149,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.36	6.74	8.40	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	21%	16%	100%
Comparisons	30%	326	210	10.0	100%
Last week	41,818	53,066	29,466	29,789	154,139
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.82	8.49	5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,670	61,956	24,232	23,897	149,755
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.54	6.77	8.71	5.80
% of total /1	26%	41%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013* To date/2012* % Change YTD	503,983	714,904	397,432	350,817	1,967,136
	462,795	837,984	348,952	295,870	1,945,601
	9%	-15%	14%	19%	1%

^{/1} May not total to 100% due to rounding.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 30-Mar-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,619	2,322	43	9	3 , 993
Avg Wt	16.82	40.74	24.00	27.64	30.83
Head sltr compariso	ns				
Last week	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Same wk yr ago	1,931	2 , 575	18	2	4,526
Avg Wt	17.16	40.47	25.58	41.97	30.47
To-date/2013*	21,729	32,335	319	210	54 , 593
To-date/2012*	22,882	32,239	271	97	55,489

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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^{/2} Comparable week.